

As a student and citizen I wish to make my comments to you about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. As far as I am concerned, this is an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair has an obligation to serve the public interest since it uses public airways at no charge. The public interest is never served by a centralized decision making structure which has its eyes on the bottom line and not on the interests of the community. Sinclair's actions, among others, demonstrate the need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.